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A SERMONETTE

God like the eagle stirs our nest. Yesterday it was a place for us; today there is a new plan. He wrecks the nest, although He knows it is dear to us; perhaps because it is dear to us. He loves us too well not to spoil our meager contentment. God will not disintegrate our Church and leave us without a nest, so to speak, if a nest is for us. His seemingly cruelness is love; therefore, let us sit lightly with the things of time.

The breaking up of our Church is an act of God's benevolence. What a startling thought! Those beloved friends and leaders that have left us are like eaglets that have learned to fly. While they lived in the nest they were nurtured, succored, and have grown in Grace through the Guidance of their Father eagle. Now that they have sprouted wings, the Father has torn up the nest so that they might fly to inform others that there are mansions much more beautiful than nests. GOD'S WILL WAS ACCOMPLISHED AND IS BEING ACCOMPLISHED. Through the breaking up of the fellowship that we have enjoyed with our Christian brothers and sisters, He has given ther wings so that they can fly to greater heights and magnify His Glory. One cannot remain perpetually an eaglet--a babe in Christ.

In the perception of these metaphors, let us make light of our predicament and rest in the consolation that our departed friends are fulfilling His purpose. And now that we have lost them, it is of no avail lamenting over our loss. It is imperative that we redouble our efforts to carry on.

Already many are neglecting their spiritual life, backsliding, or otherwise approaching the state of apostasy. Many are wondering how long it will be before our Church totters. Our Church is in a precarious position, and it will totter, if all of us are not determined to give our all as pillars to buttress the foundation.

The eyes of our Father and all of those on the outside are fastened upon us. Let us not fail those that have their faith entrusted in us; let us remain steadfast; let us trim our individual lamps so that together we might shine with incandescence for Him; LET US CARRY ON THE GOOD FIGHT OF FAITH. Amen.

-- David Arata --

C.E. PREVIEW

ADULT & Y.P.

The combined Adult and Y.P. will hold an election for officer s after which Tok Hirashima will take charge of the devotional program.

All members are urged to attend this important meeting.

SENIORS

Miss Alice Grube has been secured as the speaker for the evening with Lydia Shizume as the chairman. Miss Grube is a former missionary to Japan returning to America aboard the exchange ship, Gripsholm.

As it is sure to be a very interesting evening, everyone between the ages of 18 to 20 is urged to come out.

JUNIORS

The rapid-growing Junior C. E. have planned another evening of unique activities. Tayeko Kitahata, advisor, will speak to the group, and some musical numbers have been arranged.

For an evening of inspiration and real Christian fellowship, all Juniors are welcomed to meet together at the 305 Chapel.

WHILE THEY WAIT

They shall face the storm as eagles
And soar upward through the air,
Where the sunshine of His presence
Sheds a peace beyond compare.

They shall run and not grow weary,
Though the storm beat high and long,
For in weakness is their glory--
He, their joy, doth make them strong.

They shall walk and never falter
When earth's hopes have all grown dim;
For His mighty arm upholdeth,
And they walk the road with Him.

Olivia C. Campbell

TESTIMONY

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. John 3:16.

This seems to be the favorite verse of many Christians according to their testimonies. It is my favorite also, for I know it is true.

Who can love us enough to send His only son to be nailed to a cross for our sins? Only God can do that. I am so glad that I can call Him my Father. How thankful I am to find a true and loving friend in our Lord Jesus Christ, When everything fails, Jesus is always there to help me. I have found by accepting and believing on Him that there is peace and joy that passes all understanding. I've sought worldly pleasures and tried to find happiness in many other ways, but thank God, before it was too late, I found that the only way I could have peace and happiness is through Christ.

I say with many other Christians "Thank God for evacuation, for it has brought me close to Christ."

A sister in Christ
Ritz Konatsu

SUNDAY

A singspiration was held last Sunday evening in place of the special evening service as Dr. Gale Seaman was unable to be with us. David Arata led the songs with Aiko Tashiro at the piano.

A special vocal number was given by the Ladies' Trio composed of Raiko Konatsu, Sumi Kitahata, and Lillian Wako. Capable George Takaoka gave an extemporaneous talk on various topics of religious value to round off the evening program.

NEXT SUNDAY

Deacon George S. Takaoka will be the speaker for the Morning Worship Service next Sunday.

DR. E. STANLEY JONES

Dr. E. Stanley Jones, one of the best-known missionary evangelists in the world today, will be here in Poston on October 20 to 22 to hold evangelistic services.

As he is unable to return to India to resume his great work there, he is holding Christian Missions from week to week under the sponsorship of the Department of Evangelism of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America.

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The Third Christian Church of Poston acknowledges the special offerings from Mrs. R. Wiebe of Dinuba, California, and Tanaki Shiozawa upon her departure.

Monthly pledges have been received of Ruth Iwami and Harry Minami who are both in Cleveland, Ohio.

Mr. Jutaro Shiota who relocated to Cincinnati, Ohio has sent the Young People's Church a beautiful flower vase..

Koyne Kiritani and Asako Takasugawa have been graciously offering their artistic talents in the service of the Lord. The title head of this paper was originally designed by Asako, and Koyne has planned many of the program cover designs.

EXCERPTS — —

...We are quite settled here now--we moved out of the hostel and live in an upper floor of a private home. We cook ourselves--and are really enjoying it. Because of the fact that Harry and Ozzie work so late, I usually cook.

...We fellowship with Christ. We get on our knees anytime we feel led, which is quite frequent because He has been so good to us. I can't put in pen and ink on this paper. how happy we are. We just look at each other, shake our heads and say, "God sure is good to us." We don't know why except that He loves us so much. We're quite undeserving of such a happy life. If happiness could be measured by money, the world doesn't have the amount to describe ours.

Of course, many things come up, but we always turn these troubles over to our "Counsellor" who takes them and fixes everything up for us. He doesn't charge us anything. He says just bring it to me and trust me. That's all. There is not a lawyer, or any person who could do as good--or should I say a perfect job as He. Truly we can say we have the greatest lawyer in the world advising us at all times.

Sod Nakashima
Cleveland, Ohio

departures

Four of our dear Church members departed last week for school and resettlement: Tanaki Shiozawa, Lakewood, Ohio; Eleanor Nakashima, Cleveland, Ohio; Michiko Ishimoto, Toledo, Ohio; and Minnie Okada who will join her fiance in Denver, Colorado.

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